

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION
1685 E Street, Fresno, CA 93706

PUBLIC HEARING

concerning

REVISION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
ORDER NO. R5-2006-0090
NPDES PERMIT NO. CA0085189
FOR

**CITY OF FRESNO AND COPPER RIVER RANCH, LLC AND
CONSOLIDATED LAND COMPANY AND CONSOLIDATED INDUSTRIES, INC. AND
FRESNO METROPOLITAN FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT
NORTH FRESNO WASTEWATER RECLAMATION FACILITY
FRESNO COUNTY**

On 21 September 2006, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) adopted Order No. R5-2006-0090 (NPDES No. CA0085189) for the North Fresno Wastewater Reclamation Facility (WWRF). The WWRF is a new facility that is in its start-up phase, and it will provide sewerage service for Copper River Ranch, a 760-acre community development in northeast Fresno. Order No. R5-2006-0090 authorizes the City of Fresno to discharge up to 0.71 million gallons per day of tertiary treated domestic wastewater from the WWRF. Effluent from the WWRF will be recycled via irrigation on the Copper River Country Club golf course. During the wet-weather months, effluent will be discharged to Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District (FMFCD) Basin DE. Effluent discharged to Basin DE will be used to irrigate landscaped areas within the basin when not fully utilized to impound storm water. As determined by FMFCD, effluent will be discharged to the San Joaquin River, a water of the United States, via pumping it through a series of FMFCD storm water basins.

During the development of Order No. R5-2006-0090, the project proponent proposed to operate the WWRF treatment system in a direct filtration mode (i.e., no coagulation). Consequently, Order No. R5-2006-0090 contains effluent limitations for turbidity based on the recycled water criteria in Title 22, California Code of Regulations (CCR) for uncoagulated wastewater. On 11 May 2009, the City of Fresno formally requested the Central Valley Water Board to reopen Order No. R5-2006-0090 to include turbidity limitations consistent with the recycled water criteria in Title 22, CCR for coagulated wastewater. The City of Fresno's request is based on the recent anticipation that the wastewater will be coagulated most of the time. The Central Valley Water Board will consider reopening Order No. R5-2006-0090 and adopting a revised Order No. R5-2006-0090 solely to include operational turbidity specifications consistent with the recycled water criteria in Title 22, CCR for both coagulated and uncoagulated wastewater. The proposed permit also includes changes where necessary to support the proposed revision to the turbidity limitations and to correct copy errors that were transmitted in Order No. R5-2006-0090 in 2006. **Comments are limited to the proposed changes only.**

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A public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Central Valley Water Board meeting scheduled for:

DATE: 9/10 December 2009
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Regional Water Quality Control Board
11020 Sun Center Dr. #200
Rancho Cordova, CA

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Staff of the Central Valley Water Board
- City of Fresno
- Copper River Ranch, LLC
- Consolidated Land Company
- Consolidated Industries, Inc.
- Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District

Only designated parties will have these rights: to call and examine witnesses; to introduce exhibits; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or her. All other persons wishing to testify or provide comments are interested persons and not designated parties. Such interested persons may request status as a designated party for purposes of this hearing by submitting such request in writing to the Central Valley Water Board no later than 5:00 p.m. on **5 November 2009**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is directly affected by the discharge.

Persons wishing to comment on this noticed hearing item shall submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Central Valley Water Board no later than by 5:00 p.m. on **5 November 2009**. Testimony, evidence, and/or comments shall be limited to the proposed revision to the turbidity limitations in Order No. R5-2006-0090. Written evidence or comments submitted after 5:00 p.m. on **5 November 2009** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party.

All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Central Valley Water Board meeting, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony and cross examination will be limited in time by the Board Chair.

Anyone having questions on the proposed revisions to Order No. R5-2006-0090 (NPDES Permit No. CA0085189) should contact Matt Scroggins at (559) 445-6042. Interested parties may download the proposed revised Order No. R5-2006-0090 and related documents from the Central Valley Water Board's Internet website at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/. Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water

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Board's office at 1685 E Street, Fresno California, 93706, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (except for the first, second, and third Friday of every month per the Governor's Executive Order S-13-09 calling for furloughs).

The procedures governing Central Valley Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, CCR, Section 647 et seq. and is available upon request. Hearings before the Central Valley Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/laws_regulations/. Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Central Valley Water Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml or by contacting any one of the Central Valley Water Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839 at least five working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

Original signed by
LONNIE M. WASS, Supervising Engineer

5 October 2009